

**EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby amends Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” and Chapter 22, “Authorizations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Concerns have been raised regarding the increased number of concussions suffered by student athletes. Legislators have requested a change in the licensure rules for coaching in lieu of legislation requiring concussion training to be completed annually by coaches. These amendments add concussion training as an element in obtaining and renewing a coaching authorization. The amendments also add concussion training as a requirement to add the coaching endorsement to a teaching license.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0696C** on May 1, 2013. No one attended the public hearing held on May 22, 2013.

The Board of Educational Examiners received public comments from the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union. Both indicated support for these amendments. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 272.2(1)“a” and 272.31(4).

These amendments will become effective August 28, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 13.28(29) as follows:

**13.28(29) Athletic coach.** K-12. An applicant for the coaching endorsement must hold a teacher’s license with one of the teaching endorsements.

*a. Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement may serve as a head coach or an assistant coach in kindergarten and grades one through twelve.

*b. Program requirements.*

(1) One semester hour college or university course in the structure and function of the human body in relation to physical activity, and

(2) One semester hour college or university course in human growth and development of children and youth as related to physical activity, and

(3) Two semester hour college or university course in athletic conditioning, care and prevention of injuries and first aid as related to physical activity, and

(4) One semester hour college or university course in the theory of coaching interscholastic athletics, and

(5) Successful completion of the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 282—22.1(272) as follows:

**282—22.1(272) Coaching authorization.** A coaching authorization allows an individual to coach any sport in a middle school, junior high school, or high school.

**22.1(1) Application process.** Any person interested in the coaching authorization shall submit records of credit to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation in terms of the required courses or contact hours. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners, online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov/>, or from institutions or agencies offering approved courses or contact hours.

**22.1(2) Requirements.** Applicants for the coaching authorization shall have completed the following requirements:

*a. Credit hours.* Applicants must complete credit hours in the following areas:

(1) Successful completion of 1 semester credit hour or 10 contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and understanding of the structure and function of the human body in relation to physical activity.

(2) Successful completion of 1 semester credit hour or 10 contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and understanding of human growth and development of children and youth in relation to physical activity.

(3) Successful completion of 2 semester credit hours or 20 contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity.

(4) Successful completion of 1 semester credit hour or 10 contact hours relating to knowledge and understanding of the techniques and theory of coaching interscholastic athletics.

(5) Beginning on or after July 1, 2000, each applicant for an initial coaching authorization shall have successfully completed 1 semester credit hour or 15 contact hours in a course relating to the theory of coaching which must include at least 5 contact hours relating to the knowledge and understanding of professional ethics and legal responsibilities of coaches.

(6) Successful completion of the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

b. *Minimum age.* Applicants must have attained a minimum age of 18 years.

c. *Iowa division of criminal investigation background check.* Applicants must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

d. *National criminal history background check.* Applicants must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

**22.1(3) *Validity.*** The coaching authorization shall be valid for five years, ~~and it shall expire five years from the date of issuance.~~

**22.1(4) *Renewal.*** The authorization may be renewed upon application and verification of successful completion of:

a. *Renewal activities.* Applicants for renewal of a coaching authorization must:

~~(1) In addition to the child and dependent adult abuse training listed below, applicants for renewal must~~ Successfully complete four five planned renewal activities/courses related to athletic coaching approved in accordance with guidelines approved by the board of educational examiners. Additionally, each applicant for the renewal of a coaching authorization shall have completed one renewal activity/course relating to the knowledge and understanding of professional ethics and legal responsibilities of coaches.

~~(2) A one-year extension of the holder's coaching authorization will be issued if all requirements for the renewal of the coaching authorization have not been met. This extension is not renewable. The fee for this extension is found in 282—Chapter 12.~~

(2) Annually complete the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. Completion of the concussion training may be waived if the applicant is not serving as a coach. Attendance at the annual concussion training may be used for a maximum of one planned activity/course required in 22.1(4)“a”(1).

~~b. (3) Child~~ Complete child and dependent adult abuse training. Every renewal applicant must submit documentation of completion of the child and dependent adult abuse training approved by the state abuse education review panel. This certification may be used for a maximum of one planned activity/course required in 22.1(4)“a”(1). A waiver of this requirement may apply under the following conditions with appropriate documentation of any of the following: if

(1) A person is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or of the United States.

(2) The application of this requirement would impose an undue hardship on the person for whom the waiver is requested.

(3) A person is practicing a licensed profession outside this state.

(4) A person is otherwise subject to circumstances that would preclude the person from satisfying the approved child and dependent adult abuse training in this state.

~~(5) The person has previously renewed a license or another authorization issued by the board of educational examiners and, at that time, reported the completion, within the past five years, of child and dependent adult abuse training approved by the state abuse education review panel.~~

b. A one-year extension of the applicant's coaching authorization may be issued if all requirements for the renewal of the coaching authorization have not been met. The applicant must complete the concussion training approved by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union before serving as a coach. The one-year extension is not renewable. The fee for this extension is found in 282—Chapter 12.

**22.1(5) *Revocation and suspension.*** Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the coaching authorization. An ethics complaint may be filed if a practitioner begins coaching a sport without current concussion training.

**22.1(6) *Approval of courses.*** Each institution of higher education, private college or university, merged area school or area education agency wishing to offer the semester credit or contact hours for the coaching authorization must submit course descriptions for each offering to the board of educational examiners for approval. After initial approval, any changes by agencies or institutions in course offerings shall be filed with the board of educational examiners.

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